

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior listings of claims in the application.

**Listing Of Claims:**

Claims 1-13. (**cancelled**).

Claim 14. (**currently amended**). An image display apparatus comprising:

a polarization converting element which converts a polarization ~~direction~~ state of light from a light source;

a condensing optical system which converts light from the polarization converting element to a converging light;

a color separation optical system which comprises a color separation optical member reflecting a first light in a first wavelength range of the converging light and transmitting a second light in a second wavelength range of the converging light;

a plurality of image display devices illuminated by a plurality of color light separated by the color separation optical system; and

an outer box which contains the polarization converting element, condensing optical system, color separation optical system and plurality of image display devices,

wherein a first wall surface closest to the color separation optical member among wall surfaces of the outer box is substantially parallel to an outer edge, which is ~~else~~ closer to the

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closest first wall surfaces, of the converging light incident on the color separation optical member.

**Claim 15 (cancelled).**

Please add the following new claims.

**Claim 16 (new).** The image display apparatus according to claim 14, wherein an optical axis of the converging light is non-parallel with respect to the first wall surface.

**Claim 17 (new).** The image display apparatus according to claim 14, further comprising two fly-eye lenses arranged between the light source and the polarization converting element.

**Claim 18 (new).** The image display apparatus according to claim 14, further comprising a color combination optical system which combines light components from the plurality of image display apparatus.

**Claim 19 (new).** The image display apparatus according to claim 14, further comprising a projection optical system which projects light from the plurality of image display devices,

wherein an optical axis of the projection optical system is substantially parallel to two wall surfaces of the outer box.

**Claim 20 (new).** An image display system comprising:  
the image display apparatus according to claim 14; and

an image information supply apparatus which supplies image information to the image display apparatus.

Claim 21 (new). An image display apparatus comprising:

a plurality of image display devices;

a fly-eye lens which divides light from a light source into a plurality of light fluxes;

a polarization converting element which converts a polarization state of the light fluxes from the fly-eye lens;

a condensing optical system which converts the plurality of light fluxes from the polarization converting element to a converging light and superposes the plurality of the light fluxes with each other on the plurality of image display devices;

a color separation optical system which comprises a color separation optical member reflecting a first light in a first wavelength range of the converging light and transmitting a second light in a second wavelength range of the converging light; and

a color combination prism which comprises two dichroic films and combines light components from the plurality of image display devices, the two dichroic films being arranged without intersecting in the color combination prism,

wherein an angle formed by an optical axis of the converging light with respect to the color separation optical member is less than 45 degrees.

Claim 22 (new). The image display apparatus according to claim 21 further comprising an outer box inside of which the polarization converting element, the condensing optical system, the color separation optical system and the plurality of image display devices are arranged,

wherein a first wall surface closest to the color separation optical member among wall surfaces of the outer box and an outer edge, which is closest to the first wall surface, of the converging light incident on the color separation optical member are substantially parallel.

Claim 23 (new). An image display system, comprising:  
the image display apparatus according to claim 21; and  
an image information supply apparatus which supplies image information to the image display apparatus.

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**Amendments to the Drawings:**

The attached 5 sheet(s) of drawings reflect changes to Figure(s) 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 and replace the original sheet(s) of these Figure(s).

Attachments:      Replacement Sheet(s)